

## SOCIETY BELLE TO AD FORGER

Infatuation of Woman for D. C.  
"Check Artist" Shocks Port-  
land's "Upper Strata."

"Have courage, dear, and I will do everything in my power to prevent you from going to jail."

These were the parting words of Mrs. Marjorie Power, prominent society woman of Portland, Me., to Stuart Elgin Eggleston, wanted here for check forgery, when they embraced in the office of the United States Marshal in the Maine city.

PORTLAND SOCIETY SHOCKED  
The infatuation of Mrs. Power for the confessed check forger caused a sensation in society circles in Portland. She did not attempt to conceal her love for him, according to Detective Scrivener, who went to Portland to take Eggleston into custody. "Every place we went," Scrivener said this morning, "she followed and during the hearing in the marshal's office she remained outside pacing up and down the corridor."

Mrs. Power, whose maiden name was Palmer, is the wife of Harry Power, prominent in moving picture enterprises. Power recently returned from Australia and is now living in New York. Mrs. Power at one time was on the stage. Scrivener says Eggleston told him that he and Mrs. Power registered last October at the Wardman Park Hotel as man and wife.

NAME OF "ESTEE" USED.  
An entry on the register shows that a man who gave the name of "Estee and wife" were guests at the hotel from October 9 until October 13. Estee is one of the many aliases which Eggleston admitted to using in forging checks. His method, according to his own confession, was to forge a check in excess of his board bill and then abscond with the change.

He also operated in clothing houses where he purchased clothes and gave bogus check in payment. In every case he received change. He admits he offered bogus checks to Portland, Boston, Portland, Berlin, N. H., Moose Head Lake, Me., and Windsor, Ontario. While in Portland he was a member of a country club and lived in fashionable hotels. His liberal spending habits, however, and other hotel employees enabled him to get the best service possible.

MAY COME TO CAPITAL.  
It is believed that Mrs. Power will come to this city in a day or two to visit Eggleston at the jail, where he is being held pending trial. The charge of having forged two checks, one for \$30 and the other for \$243. He has been indicted on both charges. Scrivener said Mrs. Power is a woman of apparent refinement and education, and has a very pleasing appearance. She dresses fashionably. During her conversation with Eggleston, Scrivener said, she referred to him as "dear" and "sweetheart."

Eggleston at one time was employed as a messenger at a local financial institution.

PLOT  
On Foot to Create New Post for "Miss Alice" at Capitol.

'U. S. BOARD OF CHOW'  
New Committee for Aid of Men "With Lean and Hungry Looks."

After drinking her way to Congress through a sea of soup of her own making, Miss Alice Robertson of Oklahoma, the new woman member of the House, will be given an opportunity to continue pouring soup into human beings after her arrival in Washington.

According to a conspiracy under foot, Miss Robertson is to be placed in charge of the House restaurants in the House office building and on the House side of the Capitol.

The present plans are to organize a House restaurant committee and appoint Miss Robertson chairman. The committee will be made up of members from various House committees, leaving Miss Alice in command of operations.

It is felt that, with Miss Alice in charge of the feeding and better legislation will result. After a meal of the kind the new woman member is said to be capable of producing, there won't be any dyspepsia consideration of new bills. It is rumored that many a good bill has been shelved because some member had indigestion.

The members who are fathering the movement are said to be thin and hungry, but, of course, this is more rumor. At any rate, Miss Alice has an opportunity to make herself the most popular figure in Congress.

MERRY CHRISTMAS 1920  
HEALTHY NEW YEAR

FORMER INSPECTOR SER-  
GEANT FRANK T. Mc-  
NAMARA, of Scotland Yard,  
and his wife, a former nurse  
in England, who have written  
from Ireland to relatives here  
of the indignities heaped upon  
them by the English Black and  
Tans.



PUNCTUAL  
George Belcher Gives 3  
A. M. Demonstration  
of Quality.

OFFICER IS VICTIM  
Adjutant General Finds  
Employee Who Is Con-  
scientious.

"Embarrassment often comes from being too literal in giving or obeying instructions," said the chief clerk in the War Department this morning at the conclusion of a long interview with a distinguished employee. It's embarrassing to both parties, and frequently it's vexatious to one of them, as in the case of our adjutant general and George Belcher.

"Belcher lived in South Carolina and he received notification of his appointment as messenger, with directions to come to Washington at once and report on arrival to the adjutant general of the army for duty. With his wife and three children he reached the Capital at 2 o'clock on a recent morning. He found the War Department closed, of course, but being a very conscientious individual, Belcher never thought of permitting that to interfere with an exact observance of his instructions.

"Therefore, at 3 o'clock a. m. a vigorous ringing of the doorbell of the adjutant general's house brought the general himself to a front window.

"What is it?" he roared in the fury of a light sleeper whose night's rest was spoiled. "What in the name of heaven is it?" he amended, seeing a woman in the group assembled on his doorstep below him.

"George Belcher, sir," said Belcher, coming to attention in the manner of an old soldier. "I got your letter telling me to report to you for duty, and I want to say that here I am."

"What the adjutant general said as he crawled back into his warm bed is not of record."

DELAYED RETURNS  
ASSIST RED CROSS  
Total Receipts \$38,578.80. With  
Many U. S. Departments  
Yet to Report.

Roland S. Robbins, director of the Red Cross roll call, has announced that returns should be made hereafter to Mrs. W. F. Whitlow, assistant treasurer of the District of Columbia chapter, at the chapter house, 16 Jackson place, between 9 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. week days, or to E. J. Emrich, of the Merchants Bank, 1415 G street northwest, during banking hours.

The actual amount of cash deposited in the bank to date is \$38,578.80. Reports from the navy yard and other sources indicate that more than 42,000 members have been secured thus far with twenty-two Government departments still to be heard from.

Among those making late returns are the Treasury Department, \$3,378.50; Interstate Commerce Commission, \$748; Board of Education, \$530; Woodward & Lothrop, \$318; Civil Service Commission, \$200; and Gallaudet College, \$102. The Church of Our Father Auxiliary, Mrs. Frank A. Everts, chairman, turned in \$600. The officers and employees of the Federal Board for Vocational Training, C. E. Alden, chief clerk, sent in checks totaling \$14.

One of the conspicuous features of the recent roll call were the heroic signs on the face of the headquarters building at 1415 F street northwest. They were the work of George Thompson, the artist of Keith's Theatre staff.

## HARDING WILL PICK CHAIRMAN

President-Elect Expected to  
Name Director for Inaugural  
On Approaching Visit.

Senator Harding, President-elect, is expected to settle the question of the inaugural chairmanship while in Washington next week.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED.  
In the course of his stay here, Senator Harding will hold a number of informal conferences on legislative patronage and other matters. While he originally intended to be here for a day only, he will arrive December 6 and probably remain until the evening of December 8. He will be at his home on Wyoming avenue while here and will be in almost incessant conference with Republican Senators and other Republican leaders.

He will arrange a pair while here. Senator Harding does not expect to resign his Senate seat until after Governor-elect Willis of Ohio has been inaugurated.

HAYS HERE, DECEMBER 8.  
National Chairman Hays will be here December 8. He will be under pressure on Senator Harding to remain here this winter, close friends do not believe he will do so. Despite the fact he will see many Senators here, this will not prevent him calling a number of them to Marion later for more extended talks.

8 CENTS STRAIGHT,  
W. R. & E. FARE PLEA

Wants Rate Boost and Remedial  
Legislation in Petition  
Filed Today.

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said six months and subsequent there-  
to.

"The actual expenditures for maintenance and upkeep of roadway and structures have exceeded the estimates made early in the year, upon which basis charges for maintenance and depreciation have been entered upon the company's books.

FREIGHTS BOOST COAL PRICE.  
"Coal.—The increased freight rate added \$1.01 per ton to the price of coal; increased mine cost added another 35 cents, making a total increase of \$1.40 per ton.

"Even at this price we were, however, unable to secure our full requirements under contract and have been compelled from time to time to purchase the balance of our requirements at current prices for spot coal in the open market. Such coal has been purchased by us at prices varying from \$1.50 per ton in excess of present contract price, although there has recently been a considerable improvement in the coal situation which has enabled us to buy a limited amount of spot coal at 75 cents per ton in advance of our contract price. If the present price for coal had obtained throughout the six months' period shown on exhibit A, expenses would have increased \$37,730.85.

"Expenditures for maintenance and depreciation of way and structures. On account of increased costs and the necessity of performing work not contemplated earlier in the year (part of this by order of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia) it has been impossible to keep actual expenditures within estimates, said deficiencies averaging \$9,809.12 per month, or a total in six months of \$58,854.72.

NET INCOME REVISED.  
"Revising, therefore, the net income, to cover the two points above mentioned we have the following:

Net income available for return on investment six months ending October 31, 1920, as shown upon the books, per exhibit A, \$510,480.77.  
Loss—increased cost of coal, \$37,730.85; additional cost of maintenance and depreciation of way and structures, \$58,854.72; total, \$96,585.57.  
Leaving, \$413,895.01.

This is equal to a return of 4.9 per cent on the fair value of the property as fixed by the Commission, with additions to date.

Work recently ordered or under contemplation by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia is as follows:

Paving and reconstruction of tracks on Rhode Island avenue northeast, from Fourth to Twelfth streets, \$37,520.

Paving and reconstruction of tracks on Georgia avenue from Buchanan street to Military road, \$122,000.

Paving and reconstruction of tracks on Twelfth street northeast, from Monroe to Otis streets, \$10,000.

Paving and reconstruction of tracks on Nichols avenue southeast, from Sheridan road to the second main entrance to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, \$37,000.

Paving and reconstruction of tracks on Bladenburg road from Fifteenth and H streets northeast to the District line, \$37,630.

Macadamizing track space on Nichols avenue southeast, from main gate of St. Elizabeth's Hospital to end of double track, \$11,675.

Macadamizing track space from North Capitol and W streets to Twelfth and Monroe streets northeast, \$37,000.

Macadamizing track space on Rhode Island avenue northeast, from South Dakota avenue to District line, \$38,187.

Miscellaneous paving (November and December estimated), \$127,653. Total, \$537,784.

HERE are a few of the half thousand new Shriners who "rode the goat" last night. They put aside their dignity yesterday afternoon and staged a parade that made hack horses do the "shimmy" and "cakers" turn green with envy because of the commotion they caused. Hundreds of prominent Shriners from other cities were present. General Pershing, member of the Lincoln, Neb., temple had a front seat.



CANDIDATES AUTO  
ON BOY IN SODA

G street and New York avenue, at an estimated cost of \$402,515.  
"It will be quite impossible to do all of the above work, along with other necessary maintenance, within the present fiscal year. The greater the amount of the work cannot be avoided.  
"It is respectfully submitted that in fixing reasonable rates the money conditions existing at the present time should be considered in connection with the rate of return on the fair value of the properties which said rates will produce, and the commission should take into consideration the indisputable fact that securities free from risk may be bought where the return is 7 per cent or more. The operation of a street railway properly is attended with risks that do not attach to such other securities. The greater the risk, the greater the return that should be applied. The cost to the petitioner in obtaining necessary capital is a factor which must be considered in the public interest as well as in the interest of the company. It is, therefore, submitted that the rates of fare yielding a return to the petitioner of not less than 8 per cent upon the fair value of the property as found by the commission would be fair and reasonable.

DOESN'T MEAN FAIR RETURN.  
"It should likewise not be overlooked, Justice of the company, that during the period from September, 1918, when we first appeared before the commission for an increase in rates, and since which time we have been nearly continuously before the commission, the several rates fixed by the commission have been insufficient in the sum of approximately \$1,275,000 of yielding a value of the property as fixed by the commission.

"In the order No. 373 the commission stated that at the time of receipt of the then pending application the commission had in preparation a bill to be presented to Congress providing for much needed adjustment in the local street railway situation, and further stated that the primary object of the proposed legislation was to change the form of taxation of street railway companies from one based on gross receipts to one based on operating income and to relieve the street railways of the burden imposed upon them of paying the entire cost of maintaining street crossing policemen.

AS TO REMEDIAL LEGISLATION.  
"Since then certain bills have been introduced and extended hearings had by the Committee of the District of Columbia of the House of Representatives, beginning January 27, 1920, and ending February 24, 1920, and we are anxious that some remedial legislation covering the above points, and also relieving the company from certain paying requirements, may soon be enacted by Congress.

"It has been recommended by the Federal Electric Railways Commission appointed by the President of the United States that street railways should be relieved of burdens of such character.

"In view of the foregoing and the desire on the part of the company to keep down the rate of fares as low as consistent with the ability to furnish proper and adequate service without casting any heavy burdens upon our patrons, we have asked the small increase involved and such as we believe in the public interest is necessary to enable us to continue to meet present high operating costs to adequately maintain our property and provide the service and facilities demanded in the Nation's Capital."

TEA DRINKERS TURN  
TO BLACK KIND NOW  
Green Leaves High in Price and  
Crop Falls Off.

The people of the United States are gradually shifting from green to black teas, the report of the supervising tea examiner just issued shows. This is due partly to the high price of green teas, he says, and partly to the falling off of the green tea crop. The amount of tea imported during the past year was less than in previous years, but this does not mean there has been a decrease in the consumption of tea. It is probably due to the fact a great deal of tea was imported during the war due to the fact that shipping was very irregular and it was not known when an embargo would be placed on it.

During the fiscal year ending June 30 last, 96,562,858 pounds of tea were imported into the United States. Of this amount 135,246 pounds were rejected by the tea examiners because it was not equal to the Government standards. The Government rejected, on account of impurities, 1,502 pounds during the year. This is the first instance in two years that tea artificially colored has been offered for admission, the report says.

Need help? A Times want ad will do the work. Phone Main 5260 now.

U. S. Employees to Hold  
Tagless Tag Day But  
Police May Interfere

When is a "tag" not a "tag"? Or, is it possible to have a "tagless tag-day"? Or, is a "tag" without a piece of string a "tag," just the same as a piece of string makes a "tag" a "tag?" Or, does charity make a "tag" a "tag?"

Many other questions might be asked. However, the Police Department tomorrow will be confronted with a problem difficult in the solution of its technical aspects. For tomorrow the joint conference on reclassification of salaries will "pull off" what now is regarded as a "tagless tag-day."

RAISES LEGAL QUESTION.  
The Police Department last week refused a permit to the conference for a "tag-day." Major Gessford explaining that it has been the custom of the District Commissioners to give such permission only to "strictly charitable ventures."

"Isn't the Government employee so underpaid as to make him an object of charity," was the implied reply of the conference. However, still no permit was forthcoming.

The conference got busy immediately to devise some method of getting around the police order. This morning it was announced that the conference would tomorrow send forth an army of 500 workers to invade Government departments and besiege them from the outside "to sell" miniature copies of "The Tagless Tag" the official publication of the conference. A facsimile of the front page of these miniatures, appears above.

HOPES TO RAISE \$10,000.  
The diamond-shaped set in announcing "I am for Reclassification—What are you for?" may seem in the eyes of the police to have all the earmarks of a "tag." But there is no string tied to it. It is therefore a "tag" or not?

The conference hopes to raise in excess of \$10,000 tomorrow as the basis of a publicity fund to push reclassification through Congress. Approximately 30,000 miniatures have been printed and each Government employee is expected to give 25 cents for a copy.

What will the police say?

"Have a Heart" Slogan  
For Day Nursery Tag  
Day Next Saturday

"Have a Heart" is the slogan adopted by The Day Nursery and Dispensary Association, which is to hold a tag day next Saturday. The nursery at 472 I street southwest is a place where children under eight years of age are cared for while their mothers are at work. During the war as many as twenty-eight children a day were cared for by trained nurses there.

There is no government or church help for the nursery and dispensary. It is kept going by dues of members of the association and by charitable contributions.

DOLL'S HOSPITAL  
3,000 DOLLS  
Imported and domestic at sacrifice prices. Last year in toy business.

GARREN'S MUSIC  
AND TOY STORE  
305-309 H St. N. E.  
OPEN EVENINGS

Alumni to Meet.  
There will be a meeting of the local branch of the Howard University Alumni Association Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at 809 Florida avenue northwest.

## ROBBED UNDER COPPER'S NOSE

Cafe Manager Loses \$20 to  
Bandit as Policeman Walks  
Beat Outside.

While Policeman Beck, of No. 3 precinct, was standing outside the luncheon at 1809 L street northwest, at 2 o'clock this morning, a man was holding up the night manager at the point of a pistol. The man, after robbing the cash register, which contained about \$20, calmly walked by the policeman and disappeared.

TO SCARED TO SPEAK.  
Harry Perkins, the manager, was so badly frightened that he was unable to make an outcry. A few minutes after the hold-up Beck entered the luncheon and the victim then told of the occurrence. He said the man, after eating a sandwich, walked to the counter and commanded him to hold up his hands and threatened to shoot if he made an outcry. While holding the pistol in the Greek's face the robber's left hand was engaged in getting the money.

Beck ran in the direction in which the gunman was headed, but without avail. 1/4 1/4

Another hold-up was reported by Earnest Ercus, colored, 2315 Georgia avenue northwest, who said that four colored men held him up and robbed him of \$17. One of the men pointed a pistol at his victim while another searched his pockets.

ESCAPED IN AUTOMOBILE.  
While walking on Fifth street, between R street and Rhode Island avenue northwest, Ercus was commanded to halt by the hold-up men, who had steered the automobile in which they were riding close to the curb. After the robbery they leaped into the machine and made off.

Ladies' Night at R. R. Y. M. C. A.  
Ladies' night will be observed at the Terminal R. R. Y. M. C. A. tonight. A program of entertainment has been arranged and will be given in the gymnasium at the west end of Union Station. Social and acquaintance hour will follow the regular program.

CITY CLUB TO HEAR  
KRAMER SPEAK  
ON DRY ACT

Members of the City Club who are interested in such important questions as "How can one remove one's booze from one house to another without fear of arrest?" and "Is the brewing of beer or the making of wine permissible in the home?" will have an opportunity to get accurate first-hand information tomorrow afternoon from no less an authority than John F. Kramer, United States prohibition commissioner.

Mr. Kramer will address the club's weekly forum luncheon at 12:30 tomorrow afternoon at the clubhouse, Farragut Square. Following his address he will permit himself to be cross-examined about any question in which members of the club are vitally interested. This questioning will be a part of the usual general discussion of the topic of the weekly address.



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